

IN THE CLAIMS

1-84. (Cancelled)

85. (New) A method for adding a new whiteboard client to an existing whiteboard session including a plurality of whiteboard clients where each of the whiteboard clients presents a plurality of whiteboard objects using a whiteboard, the method comprising:

detecting the new whiteboard client to be added to the existing whiteboard session;

determining a whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients in the existing whiteboard session that has been part of the whiteboard session for the longest period of time;

receiving from the determined whiteboard client one or more objects presented by the whiteboard of the determined whiteboard client; and

transmitting the received objects to the new whiteboard client for presentation by the whiteboard of the new whiteboard client.

86. (New) The method of claim 85 further comprising determining a predetermined privilege level associated with the whiteboard clients.

87. (New) The method of claim 86 wherein determining the whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients includes determining the whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients that has been part of the whiteboard session the longest period of time and has the highest privilege level of the plurality of whiteboard clients relative to the new whiteboard client.

88. (New) The method of claim 85 further comprising determining a privilege level of the new whiteboard client wherein transmitting the received objects includes transmitting each of the received objects having a privilege level that is less than or equal to the determined privilege level.

89. (New) The method of claim 85 wherein transmitting the received objects includes receiving a command to stop transmitting the received objects.

90. (New) The method of claim 85 further comprising excluding the new client from the existing whiteboard session.

91. (New) The method of claim 85 wherein receiving one or more objects includes receiving one or more objects that are determined using a vector of the determined client including one or more wrapper objects corresponding to the objects presented by the whiteboard of the determined whiteboard client.

92. (New) Software in a computer usable medium for adding a new whiteboard client to an existing whiteboard session including a plurality of whiteboard clients where each of the whiteboard clients presents a plurality of whiteboard objects using a whiteboard, the software including instructions to cause a processor to:

detect the new whiteboard client to be added to the existing whiteboard session;

determine a whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients in the existing session that has been part of the session for the longest period of time;

receive from the determined whiteboard client one or more objects presented by the whiteboard of the determined whiteboard client; and

transmit the received objects to the new whiteboard client for presentation by the whiteboard of the new whiteboard client.

93. (New) The software of claim 92 further comprising instructions to determine a predetermined privilege level associated with the whiteboard clients.

94. (New) The software of claim 93 wherein the instructions to determine the whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients includes instructions to determine the whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients that has been part of the whiteboard session the longest

period of time and has the highest privilege level of the plurality of whiteboard clients relative to the new whiteboard client.

95. (New) The software of claim 92 wherein the instructions to transmit include instructions to determine a privilege level of the new whiteboard client and to transmit each of the received objects having a privilege level that is less than or equal to the determined privilege level.

96. (New) The software of claim 92 wherein the instructions to cause a processor to transmit the received objects includes instructions to stop transmitting the received objects.

97. (New) The software of claim 92 further comprising instructions to cause a processor to exclude the new client from the existing whiteboard session.

98. (New) The software of claim 92 wherein the instructions to receive one or more objects includes instructions to receive one or more objects that are determined using a vector of the determined client including one or more wrapper objects corresponding to the objects presented by the whiteboard of the determined whiteboard client.

99. (New) A whiteboard server for adding a new whiteboard client to an existing whiteboard session including a plurality of whiteboard clients where each of the whiteboard clients presents a plurality of whiteboard objects using a whiteboard, the white board server configured to:

- detect the new whiteboard client to be added to the existing whiteboard session;
- determine a whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients in the existing whiteboard session that has been part of the whiteboard session for the longest period of time;
- receive from the determined whiteboard client one or more objects presented by the whiteboard of the determined whiteboard client; and
- transmit the received objects to the new whiteboard client for presentation by the whiteboard of the new whiteboard client.

100. (New) The whiteboard server of claim 99 further configured to determine a predetermined privilege level associated with the whiteboard clients.

101. (New) The whiteboard server of claim 100 wherein the server is configured to determine the whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients that has been part of the whiteboard session the longest period of time and has the highest privilege level of the plurality of whiteboard clients relative to the new whiteboard client.

102. (New) The whiteboard server of claim 99 wherein the server is configured to determine a privilege level of the new whiteboard client and to transmit each of the received objects having a privilege level that is less than or equal to the determined privilege level.

103. (New) The whiteboard server of claim 99 wherein the server is configured to transmit the received objects includes receiving a command to stop transmitting the received objects.

104. (New) The whiteboard server of claim 99 wherein the server is configured to exclude the new client from the existing whiteboard session.

105. (New) The whiteboard server of claim 99 wherein the server is configured to receive one or more objects that are determined using a vector of the determined client including one or more wrapper objects corresponding to the objects presented by the whiteboard of the determined whiteboard client.

106. (New) A collaborative system comprising:

- a plurality of whiteboard clients in an existing whiteboard session;

- a new whiteboard client to join the existing session; and

- a whiteboard server configured to:

 - detect the new whiteboard client to join the existing whiteboard session;

 - determine a whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients in the existing whiteboard session that has been part of the whiteboard session for the longest period of time;

 - receive from the determined whiteboard client one or more objects presented by the whiteboard of the determined whiteboard client; and

 - transmit the received objects to the new whiteboard client for presentation by the whiteboard of the new whiteboard client.

107. (New) The collaborative system of claim 106 wherein the server is configured to determine a predetermined privilege level associated with the whiteboard clients.

108. (New) The collaborative system of claim 107 wherein the server is configured to determine the whiteboard client from the plurality of whiteboard clients that has been part of the whiteboard session the longest period of time having the highest privilege level of the plurality of whiteboard clients relative to the new whiteboard client.

109. (New) The collaborative system of claim 106 wherein the server is configured to determine a privilege level of the new whiteboard client and to transmit each of the received objects having a privilege level that is less than or equal to the determined privilege level.

110. (New) The collaborative system of claim 106 wherein the server is configured to transmit the received objects includes receiving a command to stop transmitting the received objects.

111. (New) The collaborative system of claim 106 wherein the server is configured to exclude the new client from the existing whiteboard session.

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112. (New) The collaborative system of claim 106 wherein the server is configured to receive one or more objects that are determined using a vector of the determined client including one or more wrapper objects corresponding to the objects presented by the whiteboard of the determined whiteboard client.